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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED TRAVEL

REFS: (A) STATE 183292, (B) YAOUNDE 564, (C) YAOUNDE 2606

1. AMBASSADOR APPRECIATES AF'S WILLINGNESS TO LET HIM GO ON R AND R AND TO PARTICIPATE IN IPSA AND APSA CONFERENCES, AND PA'S READINESS TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WASHINGTON-CHICAGO-WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL APSA CONVENTION FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 5. AF'S FUNDING OF FIVE DAYS PER DIEM IN WASHINGTON IS ALSO APPRECIATED.

2. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF AF BUREAU POLICY ON COM TRAVEL AS ESTABLISHED IN AF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 226. PARA 4, REF A STATES, CORRECTLY, THAT AMBASSADOR VISITED THE U.S. AT USG EXPENSE AS RECENTLY AS MAY, BUT NEGLECTS TO MENTION THAT MORE THAN DOLS. 1300 OF COST WAS PAID BY AMERIKA HAUS HEIDELBERG, TO WHOSE BUDGET USG MAKES ONLY MINOR CONTRIBUTION.

3. ONE SET OF SUBSTANTIVE REASONS FOR MAY CONSULTATIONS WERE GIVEN IN PARA 5, REF B. VALIDITY OF THOSE REASONS WAS BORN OUT DURING SIX MAY DAYS IN DEPARTMENT, ON LAST OF WHICH RDO YAOUNDE ALSO SHOWED UP FOR HIS THIRD WASHINGTON CONSULTATION

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IN EIGHT MONTHS. RESULTS OF MAY TALKS WITH AID CONFIRM

REASONING IN REF B.

4. NEW SUBSTANTIVE REASONS FOR SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS ARE
GIVEN IN REF C. JUST AS WE SAVED USG MONEY BY PIGGY-BACKING
MAY CONSULTATIONS ON HEIDELBERG TRIP, SO WOULD WE SAVE MONEY
FOR AF BY PIGGY-BACKING SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS ON R AND R.
MAJOR POLICY ISSUE IS AT STAKE THIS TIME, IN ADDITION TO SEV-
ERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN AID. HOWEVER, LAST SENTENCE OF
REF C STILL STANDS.
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